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REMARKS

Claim 7 was objected to for an informality. Claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Gallagher et al (US Pat. No. 3,562,608). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Gallagher et al (US Pat. No. 3,562,608).

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Claims 1-6 were allowed. Claims 11-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

- 10 The limitations of allowable claim 11 are being incorporated into base claim 7, without the limitations of the intervening claims.

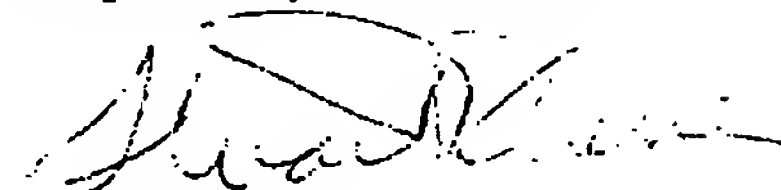
In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-10, and 12, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings. Applicant
15 believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made.
Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

- 20 If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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